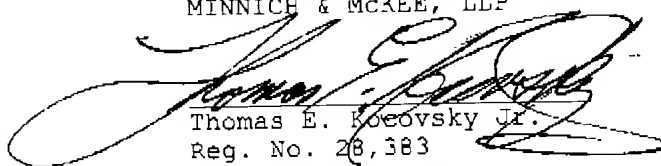


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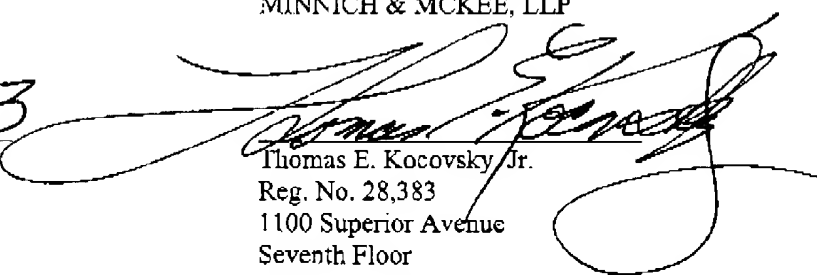
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Dear Sir:

The Amendment After Final of June 12, 2003 was not entered.

Please amend the specification and claims as follows:

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Please amend the paragraph on page 2, spanning lines 20-28 to read as follows:

~~The method according to claim 1 has now been invented for distributing~~ According to one aspect of the invention feed-water is effectively distributed to the beginning of the heat-transfer surfaces of a falling film evaporator by removing the gases dissolved in the water and preventing them from re-dissolving at the same time. ~~Another object of the invention is the device according to claim 2 which makes it possible~~ In accordance with another aspect, in a falling film evaporator, in the same operation, ~~to remove the gases~~ are removed from the feed-water and ~~to it is distributed~~ it evenly into the tube bundle of the evaporator. The apparatus comprises an evaporator top and at least one spraying device arranged therein. In this case, the spraying device is a nozzle, a mist sprayer or a similar device for creating a spray of liquid of a given shape.